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COMBAT CENTER ORDER 6280.2C

From: Commanding General, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command,  
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center  
To: Distribution List

Subj: VEHICLE SMOG INSPECTION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 42 USC § 7418(d)  
(b) 40 CFR 51.356

1. Situation. Federal agencies are required to ensure all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by military and civilian personnel aboard federal installations provide proof of compliance with smog certification regulations. The references and applicable state and local regulations apply.

2. Cancellation. CCO 6280.2B.

3. Mission. To publish instructions for the conduct, record keeping and reporting of the Combat Center Vehicle Smog Inspection Program.

4. Execution

a. Commanding Officers, Officers-in-Charge, and Directors. Ensure Marines, Sailors, and Civilian employees take appropriate action for their privately owned vehicles in accordance with this order.

b. Head, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs

(1) Provide liaison with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to ensure the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) smog inspection program meets all necessary requirements.

(2) Submit all necessary reports concerning the MCAGCC smog inspection program to the CARB as required.

(3) Provide regulatory guidance to the Provost Marshal concerning this program.

c. Provost Marshal

(1) Issue vehicles a one-time 60 day Temporary Pass if the vehicle fails the California Inspection, but has been, or will be, repaired and reinspected.

(2) Issue a two-year DoD decal to out-of-state vehicles that fail the California Inspection, but have a one-time waiver from a certified inspection station because the vehicle cannot mechanically comply with the Federal requirements.

(3) Maintain and have readily accessible, records on DoD decals issued to out-of-state vehicles in the following categories:

(a) Those that pass the California Inspection and are issued DoD decals.

(b) Those that are issued 60 day Temporary Passes (due to disconnected pollution control equipment).

(c) Those that fail the California Inspection and are issued a two-year waiver.

e. Concept of Operations

(1) Pursuant to the Federal Clean Air Act and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations (references (a) and (b)), federal agencies shall ensure that federal employees who operate motor vehicles on federal installations (without regard to whether such vehicles are registered in the state) shall furnish proof of compliance with the applicable state/local requirements.

(2) This requirement became effective on 1 January 1996, and applies to all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by civilian and military personnel operating aboard federal installations, as well as agency-owned or operated vehicles, except tactical military vehicles. This requirement does not apply to visiting agency, employee, or military vehicles, as long as such visits do not exceed 60 calendar days per year.

(3) Vehicles that are 30 model years old or older are exempt from smog certification requirements. Smog certification requirements are also waived for vehicles that are less than four model years old. All year calculations are based on the vehicle's model year, not actual year of manufacture. After passing the initial California smog inspection, these vehicles take the biennial smog test required by state laws.

(4) All gasoline-powered vehicles, new or used, being registered for the first time in California must pass the California Smog Check.

(5) Any California resident on active military duty outside the state may return to California with a new vehicle that is not certified to California requirements. However, you must have registered this vehicle in the state of your last military service, and it must be certified to federal emission standards.

(6) Military personnel moving to California from another state may register a new federally certified vehicle if it was first registered in the state of your last military service. When applying for vehicle registration in California, you must provide evidence of your vehicle's previous registration. A temporary operating permit is acceptable proof.

(7) Vehicle owners seeking any special exemption or waiver for their vehicle's emission test must consult the California Department of Motor Vehicles to ascertain whether any apply.

5. Administration and Logistics. Distribution Statement A-1 directives issued by the Commanding General are distributed via e-mail. This Order can be viewed at <https://www.29palms.usmc.mil/base/manpower/adj/index.asp>.

6. Command and Signal

- a. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.
- b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

  
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